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Please amend the subject application as follows.

In the Claims:

E1

--40. (twice amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the soluble B7 is the extracellular domain of B7 joined to at least a portion of an immunoglobulin molecule. --

E2

--44. (amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the soluble B7 is a B7Ig fusion protein. --

Please add new claim 45 as follows:

E3

--45. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the extracellular domain of B7 begins at position 1 and ends at position 215 of SEQ ID NO.: 23 joined to at least a portion of an immunoglobulin molecule.

**REMARKS**

Claims 38, 40, 43 and 44 were being examined. The Office rejected claims 38, 40, 43 and 44. Claims 40 and 44 have been amended and new claim 45 has been added. Accordingly, claims 38, 40, 43-45 are now being examined.

Amendments to the claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii), attached hereto as Exhibit 1, is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims by this Amendment. The amendments to the claims do not involve new matter. Entry of these changes is requested.

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